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## **TED STILWILL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS**

(DES MOINES, IA) November 9, 2003 —Ted Stilwill, director of the Iowa Department of Education, today was elected president of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) at its Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

Stilwill has served on CCSSO's board since 1998 as president-elect and vice president, in addition to serving on numerous task forces including Strengthening Professional Practice (co-chair), Learning Technologies, and Civility, Safety and Student Opportunity. He has also served on the Committee on Legislation.

The Council of Chief State School Officers is a nationwide nonprofit organization composed of public officials who lead the departments responsible for elementary and secondary education in the United States, the U.S. extra-state jurisdictions, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. In representing the chief education officers, CCSSO works on behalf of the state agencies that serve pre-K-12 students throughout the nation.

Stilwill has been director of the Iowa Department of Education since 1995. In that role, he provides leadership and supervision for an educational system that includes 540,000 students in public and private accredited K-12 schools; 90,000 credit students in 15 community colleges; and 4,000 employees in 12 area education agencies. Before serving as director, Stilwill was the administrator of the department's Elementary and Secondary Education division from 1988 to 1995. His career also includes classroom and administrative positions at the local school district level. He began as an elementary teacher in Council Bluffs, Iowa

Stilwill holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Iowa, and a master's degree in teaching from Drake University. He pursued additional graduate work at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of California-Los Angeles.

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